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## Haine: Bathon nearly lost treasurer's job

State's Attorney issues binding opinion on placing name on county checks

By Paul Mackie  
 Staff writer

Madison County Treasurer Fred Bathon nearly lost his job because of his refusal to sign payroll checks, State's Attorney William Haine said Thursday.

**MADISON COUNTY** Bathon admitted that he refused to sign the checks for several hours on April 1, and several county officials witnessed that refusal to pay \$247,896 worth of claims checks.  
 Late Thursday, Haine released a 12-page opinion based on Illinois statutes that

he hopes will put to rest the issues of whose names, if any, will appear on the checks and where those checks will be stored.

"Since Bathon did agree, after several hours, to place his signature upon these checks for payment, he has avoided a conclusion by me that he neglected or refused to perform the duties of his office, which would have subjected him to removal from office," Haine wrote.

"I am confident that this will not happen again," Haine ruled Thursday that Bathon had no legal backing for his requests to change a procedure that has worked in

Madison County "over the past decades, not only without scandal or theft, but also with increasing efficiency."

The internal dispute dates to a meeting in November between Bathon, D-Pontoon Beach, and County Clerk Mark Von Nida, D-Granite City.

The checks, which also are used for County Board-approved items such as mileage reimbursements, office supplies, legal expenses and workman's compensation, are issued by Von Nida's office and reviewed by Bathon's office when they return from the bank.

But Von Nida said Bathon successfully "bullied" Von

Nida into allowing "Fred Bathon" to be printed at the top of the checks rather than the traditional, generic heading, "County Clerk's Office and Treasurer of Madison County."

Von Nida said he regrets allowing Bathon to change the heading because Bathon was able to use that as a prime reason that the checks should be stored in his office.

Bathon said he wants to "feel comfortable that the checks are safeguarded" and said most Illinois counties store their checks in treasurers' offices.

Von Nida and Haine agree that Bathon's "logic for

preventing fraud" doesn't make sense. Von Nida said his office distributes the blank checks and that Bathon's office checks the records after the checks are cashed at the bank, thus creating a system of checks and balances.

Haine wrote: "All the agreements entered into by (Von Nida) and (Bathon) as to the style of these checks are null and void as being made without the authority of the County Board, and that all the procedures issued by (Bathon) are null and void in all respects."

Bathon and Von Nida both said they will be involved in discussions about the checks

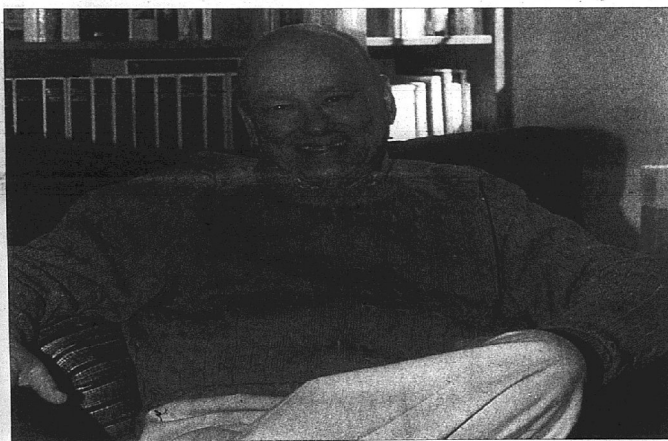
during the next few weeks with the Finance Committee and the board.

"The state's attorney's opinion has binding authority," said Von Nida, who will keep the usable checks with the generic headings in his office for now.

"I'm eager to report to the County Board on the current system and, based on their intentions, work with the treasurer to get our working relationship put back together," Von Nida said.

"(Haine) recommends this matter be taken up by the

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Curtis A. Hartley photo  
 Former Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville President Earl Lazerson relaxes in his Edwardsville home. Lazerson recently reflected on his contributions to the SIUE community.

## Lazerson keeps active mind in his retirement

Former SIUE president reflects on contributions

By Curtiss A. Hartley  
 Staff writer

Earl Lazerson lists his hobbies as reading, music, travel and ... math.

**PROFILE** "I suppose it's my avocation as well as my profession," said Lazerson, who began his career at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville as a math instructor and ended it as president.

Lazerson was born in 1930 in Detroit. As a student at Cass Technical High School, he said "a very fine teacher took a particular interest in me," inspiring his lifelong infatuation with mathematics.

"The school was very fine," he said. "Its closest analog is to the magnet schools of today. They specialized in chemistry and metallurgy."  
 "I was about 15 or 16 years

old," Lazerson said. "The teacher's name was Wojtowicz, as close as I can remember. It was a challenge that he threw out. The first day of the course, he put a problem on the board and said that if anyone came up with the solution during the course, they would get an automatic A."

"As I sat there looking at it, I came up with the solution, so that sort of fired my interest (in math)," he said.

Lazerson earned his bachelor's degree in mathematics from Wayne State University in Detroit and then completed his master's degree and doctorate at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He spent two years with an elite think tank, the Van Neumann Institute in Princeton, N.J., dealing with problems related to national security.  
 "We just did a lot of

thinking," he said. "Anti-ballistic missile systems, cryptography, mathematics in general. You were encouraged to think. There were no working hours, you came when you wanted and left when you wanted."

"It was very intensive thinking. I enjoyed it a great deal."

"They offered for me to stay on a permanent basis, but I didn't. I wanted to get back to university life," he said. "I liked teaching. I really enjoyed sharing ideas with others."

He was drawn back to the Midwest because he liked the pace and the climate, both more temperate than back East.  
 "The pace of life here was not as frenetic as the East and not as laid-back as the West," he said.

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## Low turnout expected for Tuesday's elections

Von Nida: Granite City, Pontoon should be 'hot spots,' however

By Scott Cousins  
 Staff writer

**ELECTION '99** With very little to excite voters, a low turnout is being predicted for Tuesday's first-ever

Madison County consolidated elections.

However, there will probably be several "hot spots," such as Pontoon Beach, Granite City and Collinsville, said Madison County Clerk Mark Von Nida.

Voters in Pontoon Beach will elect a mayor, village clerk

and half of the village board.

In Granite City, 19 candidates are vying for nine seats on the City Council, and a multi-million school bond issue is being voted on in Collinsville.

On Wednesday, Von Nida said that things were going

"pretty darned good" for the election. He said most of the election judges and materials were in place and he had a briefing for judges scheduled in the Granite City area.

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# Small crowd takes sides on county tax cap issue

By Paul Mackie  
Staff writer

Although turnout was low for a forum on tax caps Thursday night, there were plenty of heated disagreements.

The Madison County Board was host for the forum, which drew nearly 40 citizens and about 20 politicians to the Administration Building in downtown Edwardsville.

"I'm very disappointed this room is not overfilled," said board member Homer Henke, R-Mono.

While Henke kept his comments neutral, every other speaker had a clear stance on the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law, commonly called "tax caps," that will appear

on Tuesday's ballot throughout the county. Board member Don Garrett, D-Madison, was one of the most impassioned speakers. He said the poor people of the county would benefit from the passage of tax caps because politicians would "pocket" fewer property tax dollars.

"If voters don't approve this, they're absolutely out of their minds. There is never any reason for any local unit of government to raise taxes above the rate of inflation without voter approval. There's no room for lazy employees or wasted programs."

Fellow board member Steve Stobbs, R-Godfrey, agreed that caps would curb government spending. "It's a means of holding governments more accountable to the people, who essentially are the government," Jackie Monroe, president of the Alton

Taxpayers League, said tax caps would affect a small percentage of taxes available to local taxing districts.

"I really hope this passes, because taxpayers need the psychological break. They need to know that government officials are sensitive to their needs," Monroe said.

But speakers on the other side implied that sensitivity may be pointless if various taxing districts become financially strapped by tax caps.

"If (Edwardsville School) District 7 is restricted to 1.6 percent per year (which was the inflation rate last year) in revenue growth, it would not be long before we go broke," said Harry Briggs, regional superintendent of schools.

"Research shows that PTELL hurts school districts more than any other bodies. Important programs have been cut (in other counties with

tax caps). Schools and parks suffer. (An estimated) \$700,000 in revenue would be lost in the first year alone (under tax caps)."

County Administrator James Monday said a tax cap would have forced about 4.5 percent to be levied in the Edwardsville District in 1998 rather than the 9 percent that actually was levied for items such as new construction.

"We should be held responsible (for spending), but the possibility of losing these dollars is of grave concern," Superintendent Ed Hightower said.

County Clerk Mark Von Nida said he would almost guarantee taxpayers that their bills would be higher in the short term under tax caps. "Voters will say, 'What does it matter? I voted against taxes, and my bill is still bigger.' It will be an insult to thousands of state officials who really care and are trying to do the best jobs we can."

## Candidate kicked off Madison ballot running as write-in

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

As long as the intent of voters casting ballots for a write-in candidate in the

MADISON School District is clear, the

votes will be counted, said Madison County Clerk Mark Von Nida.

Rev. John Love — who was kicked off the regular ballot — is running as a write-in candidate for one of three seats on the school board. However, Love has decided not to campaign.

He is facing incumbents Joe Garaga and Board President Sharon Cass, along with political newcomer Lynda Becker. Love was kicked off the ballot after Cass argued

that he did not have enough legal signatures. The School District's Electoral Board ruled enough of the signatures on his nominating petitions did not correspond to voter registration rolls to fall below the minimum required.

During hearings before that board, Love and supporters claimed that forces at Madison City Hall were trying to keep him from running. Cass, who is the school board president, is also Madison City Clerk.

"I'm doing it as a write-in candidate, but I'm not going to campaign," Love said recently. "It's up to the people to go out and vote."

Von Nida said dealing with the write-in candidacy is "not difficult at all."

"It's going to take a little bit longer for judges down there

to process those write-in legal signatures," Von Nida said. Von Nida said as long as the intent of the voter is easily recognizable, the votes will count.

"They need to write the name, the office and they have to make an X in the box (signifying a write-in candidate)," Von Nida said.

"It's not necessary to write the full name, but the intent of the voter must be stated."

He pointed out that the spot for write-in candidates is not on the ballot itself, but on the sleeve of the envelope the ballot comes in.

Election judges in these precincts are receiving some additional training, and will be able to help voters having difficulty.

## Rezoning proposal for new YMCA falls

By Mike Heil  
Staff writer

The proposed rezoning of property owned by the Granite City School District is temporarily held by the

GRANITE CITY wayside Thursday night at the

Granite City Planning Commission meeting. Granite City School Superintendent Steve Balen, speaking on behalf of the school board, told the commission that the board would like to sell the property to the Tri-City YMCA so that a new facility could be built on the site by the YMCA.

The property that Balen referred to is located at 1620 Pontoon Road. It has not been used by the district since 1983 but has been maintained by it for minimal costs. It is currently zoned as residential, as is all school property.

To have the YMCA construct a new building on the site, the property must be rezoned for commercial use under C-3.

A little more than a handful of people who live in the area where the new YMCA would be built attended the meeting. Several voiced concerns over the proposed rezoning in that if the YMCA does not raise about \$5 million to build the new state-of-the-art facility, the property will remain commercial. Therefore, any type of commercial building could be constructed on the site.

Ron Motil, who lives on Terrace Lane, was an individual who voiced his concern. "I would like to see a YMCA on that property," Motil said. "I'm not in favor of the property remaining commercial if, for some unknown reason, the Y doesn't come up with enough funds to build the new facility."

Curt Bosworth, an elder at Nameoki Presbyterian Church on Nameoki Road, echoed the same sentiment. "If this (the proposed new YMCA) falls through, you have zoned C3,

and we have no control over it," Bosworth said. "What we would ask for is a stipulation be put in that, should the deal fall through on the sale of the property, it revert back to its present zoning."

Members of the commission, seeking a way to find a solution, asked City Attorney Mark Spangler if a special permit could be issued to rezone the property back to residential use if, indeed, the funds cannot be raised.

"You've asked for a blank check," Spangler said. "You can't set up zoning that is personal. Zoning runs with property. If you said this zone is for the YMCA only, then you basically violated the statute. You can't do that."

Discussion on the rezoning issue lasted more than an hour, in which Sixth Ward Alderman Sandy Shaw and Fifth Ward Eddie Asadorian recommended that the commission pass a motion to rezone the property or to deny the rezoning.

The commission, after

hearing more opposition, could not make a decision and asked the aldermen to address the issue at the next Granite City Council meeting April 20. The council will act on the issue within 30 days.

After the meeting, Balen said he believed the YMCA would eventually acquire the property.

"I think it will be rezoned and purchased," Balen said. "All they want is reasonable assurance that the YMCA will be built."

## Disputes take center stage at Venice school conclave

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Disputes over Venice School Superintendent James Doughty's contract occupied much of a contentious

VENICE School Board meeting

Thursday evening. Discussion about a Freedom of Information Act request by the teacher's union for financial

documents and a copy of the contract led to a wider discussion of the legality of the contract and why copies have not been made available to board members.

At the last board meeting, it was announced that Venice Federation of Teachers Local 965 had filed an FOI request seeking financial documents and a copy of Doughty's contract. According to state statutes, the district has seven days to respond.

Doughty told the board Thursday that the district had asked for a seven-day extension to produce the documents, citing time needed to copy and check the documents for accuracy.

That prompted board member Tyrone Q. Echols to ask if the union had been notified and if they had agreed to the extension.

Doughty said he had sent a letter out on March 29, one day before the seven-day period was to expire, but had not received a reply. He

added that the district has the right to request the time extension.

Echols said there should have been a "mutual agreement" on the issue.

"We knew when we received the request that it was going to take a little time," he said.

Echols then went on to question why he and other board members have not been given copies of the final contract. Doughty said the contract has not been officially executed because Board Secretary William Tyler has refused to sign it.

At issue is what Echols said is a violation of board policy by giving Doughty a three-year contract.

Board policy requires a two-year contract for a new superintendent from out-of-state.

After more argument, in which board member Metro Pierson said a memo from Doughty to the board about an April 5 request for a contract was a "total lie," Echols motioned to send a copy of the contract to the Regional Superintendent of Schools and the Illinois School Board for their opinion on its legality.

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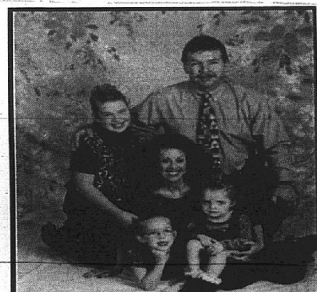
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**WARRANT ARREST:** Xavier Walker, 18, was arrested by Venice police at about 9:15 a.m. Friday on outstanding warrants after he was spotted in the 1500 block of Market.

Walker, who gave no address and is considered homeless, was wanted for several outstanding warrants, including a March 28 home invasion.

In addition, Walker had outstanding warrants for possession of a controlled substance, unlawful possession of a weapon, and a traffic violation.

Walker and another man were each charged recently with one count of home invasion, a Class X felony, after the March 28 incident. Bond was set at \$100,000. The other man is still being sought by police.

A third suspect, Lakeshia Cromer, 21, of the 2000 block

of Edison, Granite City, was charged with one count of residential burglary in the incident.

The three allegedly forced their way into a man's home and robbed him at gunpoint. The man was injured after one of the men allegedly struck him with a pistol.

The victim said that Cromer had come to his house and asked for money. He told her she didn't have any, so she left. However, about two minutes later she came back to the door, and when the man answered it, she, Walker and the third man forced their way into the house.

**BURGLARY:** A burglary was reported at Robin's Nest Lounge at 113 Slough Road at about 1:30 a.m. Tuesday.

According to reports, police responded to a burglar alarm at the business, and found the front door torn off its hinges.

Two poker machines had been broken into and an estimated \$21 taken from them. Police from Brooklyn and Madison and a Granite City K-9 unit assisted in searching for the culprits, but no suspects were found.

**STOLEN VEHICLE:** Police recovered a stolen pick-up truck on Illinois 3 near the Merchants' Bridge Thursday.

According to reports, an officer on patrol spotted a blue 1993 GMC truck at about 12:30 a.m. Further investigation showed that the drivers' side window and the steering column had been smashed and the seats had been removed.

A record check showed the truck was reported stolen out of Granite City.

**STOLEN VEHICLE/FLEEING POLICE:** Two people were arrested after police recovered a vehicle reported stolen Tuesday.

According to reports, the owner of a white two-door Cadillac reported that he had seen his vehicle in the area of Venice Homes, and while police were heading to the area, spotted the car on Fourth Street.

The driver was placed under arrest, although as of Friday no charges had been filed.

However, the passenger—Victor S. Danton, 25, of Lee Wright Homes—attempted to run from police. When officers caught him, Danton allegedly struggled and tried to reach for an officer's weapon. The officer used a choke hold to subdue him.

## Von Nida: Tax caps not all voters may think they may be

By Nicole Vaughn  
Staff writer

A limit to taxation is a good thing. Right?

**MADISON COUNTY**

If it's in the form of the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law, commonly called "tax caps," Madison County Clerk Mark Von Nida says maybe not.

"Voters think they're doing a good thing and what they get may be something different," Von Nida said.

Von Nida said the problem is a "loophole" by which the PTELL would not take effect until a year after it is approved, giving taxing

districts ample opportunity to make up for a future loss of revenue.

"It would take effect after all the taxing districts have had a chance to raise the bar," he said. "They can raise their taxes higher than what they need so they are not affected in the future."

"I'm sure several attorneys will advise (districts) to levy in some funds they've been getting by without, knowing if they don't levy this year, they will never be able to," he added.

Von Nida said there are 129 taxing districts in the county, about one-third of which would not be affected by the measure.

Among them are Granite City and Alton, which are "home rule" communities, and Collinsville and Madison because their boundaries include property within another county, he said.

The Collinsville and Madison school districts would be exempt for the same reason.

Von Nida said some taxpayers have interpreted the caps to mean that their property assessments would be frozen. That is not the case, he said.

"Their taxes will continue to go up even with the limitations in effect" if their property assessments rise, Von Nida said.

## In Brief

**Former Steamers**  
appearing in Granite

Several members of the old St. Louis Steamers indoor soccer team will be making an appearance at Pizza World, 1535 Johnson Road, at 6 p.m. Monday.

Steamer alumni Sloba Ilijevski, Jeff Cacciatore, Steve Pecher, Redmond Lane, Ty Keough and Ed Gettemeier, plus others, will be appearing at the restaurant to sign autographs, pose for pictures and reminisce with Granite City soccer fans. All activities are free.

**Swing dance classes**  
scheduled soon

Those who want to get into the swing of things this summer may consider learning a popular dance that's sweeping the nation.

It's called the swing. Like its cousin, the jitterbug, it is a hip-moving, leg-kicking dance that has caught the attention of many young people.

The dance will be part of a two-part session taught by Linda McKeehan, who for the past five years, has served as

president of the Midwest U.S. Imperial Dance Club.

The sessions are available for anyone 15 years and older. For non-residents, each session will cost \$33, and for Granite City residents, \$20.

The sessions will be held at Brown Recreation Center located at Franklin and Amos Avenue. The seven-week class will be taught on Monday and Wednesdays from 5:45 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

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## Opinions



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# KidCare program provides aid to sick children

Lack of health insurance shouldn't doom kids to poor treatment

By Sen. Dick Durbin

If your child lacks health insurance, or if you are pregnant and lack health insurance, you may be eligible for coverage under a joint federal-state program called KidCare.

Since Oct. 1 of last year, KidCare has provided health insurance and insurance premium subsidies to uninsured children and pregnant women whose families earn too little to purchase health insurance but too much to qualify for Medicaid.

Children who live in families with incomes up to 185 percent of the poverty level (\$30,433 for a family of four) are eligible, as are pregnant women whose family income is up to 200 percent of the poverty level (\$32,900 for a family of four).

Proper pre-natal care and access to quality health care are essential to the development of a healthy child. Yet more than 350,000 Illinois children lack health insurance.

Of these uninsured kids, 208,000 are eligible for KidCare. Unfortunately, only 2,652 children are currently enrolled in the program.

We must ensure that more Illinois families know about KidCare. Lack of health insurance affects more than just a child's health. Kids can't learn when they can't see the blackboard or have allergies, asthma or other health problems that divert their attention and cause stress.

They shouldn't have to wait years between basic check-ups and have the emergency room as their only source of health care.

In June 1997, I voted to create the States Children's Health Insurance Program. Through SCHIP, the state of Illinois will receive more than \$640 million from the federal government to help fund the KidCare program.

I hope every eligible family will take advantage of the funding the federal government has sent to the program.

KidCare was created to help families protect their children. If your children don't have health insurance, I hope you will take the time to see if you qualify so that you can take advantage of this opportunity.

If you believe your family may be eligible for assistance, please call the KidCare hotline toll-free at (800) 323-4769 (voice and TTY).

Dick Durbin is a U.S. Senator from Decatur.



## Springfield — Party Town of Illinois

You know it's a great time when even Joe Mannix shows up

All capital cities are party towns whenever their state legislature are in session. Springfield is no exception, and the largest crowds are attracted to the parties thrown by the big lobbying groups.

As you might imagine, the Associated Beer Distributors of Illinois puts on one of the best bashes of the year. The gatherings are held in a roped-off outdoor parking lot late in the session, so the early evening is usually warm.

Beer distributors from all over the state converge on Springfield and they bring their trucks with them. The brew flows freely and smiles are everywhere, even though people are packed in almost like sardines.

The beer distributors' party is a sure sign that the end of session is very near, so people know it won't be long before they can get back to their families, or their golf games, or even both.

The new state ethics law has toned down the cable television industry's annual soiree. Up until last year, the TV people annually handed out hundreds of expensive stuffed toys from Disney (a major player in cable) and other megamedia companies, along with the booze and food. The giveaways



Rich Miller

were a big hit with legislators, who snapped them up for their children and grandchildren.

But the new gift ban has discouraged the cable guys from disbursing so much swag. The law hasn't actually prohibited the gifts outright because it is so incredibly fuzzy. But the cable industry has had some publicity problems in the past.

They were accused of dishonestly sneaking "anti-consumer" legislation through the House a couple of years back. So they undoubtedly have zero desire to withstand accusations of being the first possible violators of the new gift ban law.

The cable party always seems to be held while the

House and Senate are actively in session. In the past, that never stopped legislators from abandoning their posts and scurrying over to the state library to snatch up some booty.

This year, the party was again held during session. But there were no free stuffed corporate mascots, so legislators has no incentive to play hooky and turn-out was practically non-existent after the session ended.

The cable industry, by the way, always adds a surreal touch to its annual shindig by bringing in a retired or semi-retired personality. A few years ago, *Partridge Family* mom Shirley Jones was hauled to town. This spring, Mike Connors of *Mannix* showed up, smiled, gave a little speech to the House and had his photo taken with legislators.

Mannix and the Illinois House — two concepts I bet you never thought you'd see in the same sentence.

You can't buy a legislator's vote with a free beer, a meal, a stuffed doll or even an autograph from TV's very own Mannix. You can, however, use that stuff to purchase what is known in the business as "good will." Do enough nice things for people, and eventually, they may start to believe that you're a nice person and then they start to trust your word.

So when a cable industry-sponsored bill came

up on the House floor to set late payment penalties — at a higher level than many cable companies were already charging — nobody paid much attention, except the media.

Most bills supported by corporate lobbyists are fairly non-controversial tweaks of existing state laws. Legislators spend almost zero time considering the merits of this particular type of legislation, so they rely on lobbyists for guidance. And that's when past deposits in the Good Will Bank and Trust never hurt.

My all-time favorite session party was jointly sponsored by the National Rifle Association and the anti-motorcycle helmet law group ABATE.

Gun enthusiasts and long-haired bikers with access to lots of free booze.

Wow, I think parties like that are banned in 17 states. Some lobbyists, believe it or not, would like to see all spending on legislators. Some completely eliminated. Some just don't have very large expense accounts or party budgets, so they can't compete with the really big boys and girls. Plus, a lot of them would rather go home to their families than sit in a smoky bar being nice to someone whom they don't really care about.

But others point out that the special interests will find ways to spend all the money they budget for the Illinois legislature.

## Letter to The Editor

Hyde proved he's a pompous person

TO THE EDITOR:

With regard to the praise of Henry Hyde by the gentleman from Collinsville (who wrote a recent *Journal* letter to the editor), I fear television reception in that city must be far different than that in the rest of the country.

Throughout the impeachment hearings, Hyde was a blustering pompous, posturing jackass. He quite obviously enjoyed his time in the spotlight.

His thoughts were not for justice, but rather, a good partisan opportunity to throw an opponent out of office. If this type of insanity were to prevail, any time one side of the aisle or the other were in the majority, the next president would be out of office for walking on the grass.

I am not supporting the president. I did not vote for him, and he is obviously guilty as charged. However, the deliberate attempts to smear him, as well as the time and money expenditures, were absurd.

I am confident the next election will reveal just how much voter support your courageous members of Congress have gleaned from this witch hunt.

ROBERT R. REINHOLD  
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## VOICE BOX

Who is your favorite Hollywood heartthrob ?



"Jonathan Taylor Thomas. He has short hair, a pretty smile and his last name is the same as mine."  
Kellie Thomas, 9 Student



"Val Kilmer. He's attractive, talented and he's got attitude."  
Maria Passig, 30



"Patrick Swayze. I like the way he danced in *Dirty Dancing* and how tough he was in *Road House*."  
Kica Weaver



"Brad Pitt, because he's got it all. Looks, charm and personality! Sexy is a given!"  
Maria Valencia, 33 Court of Appeals Administrator



"Brad Pitt, because he's a good actor and he's absolutely gorgeous."  
Jayne Thomas, 15 Student

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## Obituaries

**Kathryn Arnette**  
KATHRYN (MILLER) ARNETTE, 88, of Granite City, died Thursday, April 8, 1999, at Colonial Care Center in Granite City.

Mrs. Arnette was born Sept. 30, 1910, in Glen Carbon. She had been a secretary at Arnette Pattern Co. and was a member of Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Survivors include her husband, Dale Arnette; two brothers, Raymond Miller of Brighton, Colo., and Elton Miller of Tallahassee, Fla.; and three sisters, Thelma Sures and Mae Bernard both of Granite City, and Dorothy Wydra of Glen Carbon.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Albert and Mary (Yan-

da) Miller; two brothers, Albert H. Miller and Alexander W. Miller; and two sisters, Mildred Taylor and Lydia Nelson.

Services were held Saturday, April 10, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City with the Rev. Helen Stumpe officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

**Laura Daniels**

LAURA M. DANIELS, 83, of Glen Carbon, died Wednesday, April 7, 1999, at her residence.

Mrs. Daniels was born Oct. 18, 1915, in Venice. She was a member of St. Cecilia's Catholic Church.

She married Loraine "Pappy Dan"

Daniels, on Nov. 22, 1934, at St. Mark's Catholic Church in Venice. He preceded her in death Jan. 22, 1998.

Survivors include her daughter, Patricia Lapp of Imperial, Mo.; one son, James Daniels of Springfield, Ill.; eight grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by her father, George Gowan; her mother, Elizabeth (Foley) Gowan; one daughter, Jeannie Spiloff; and one brother, Vernon Gowan.

Private services were held, at Mrs. Daniels' request, her remains were donated to Saint Louis University School of Medicine.

Memorials may be made in the form of Masses at St. Cecilia Catholic Church or to Hospice of Madison County, 2100 Madison Ave., Granite City, Ill., 62040.

**Carol Dever**

CAROL J. DEVER, 61, of Gillespie, died Thursday, April 8, 1999, at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Ill.

Mrs. Dever was born Oct. 27, 1937, in Granite City. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, William Dever, whom she married Aug. 11, 1956; four sons: William Dever of Litchfield, Steven Dever of Staunton, Bruce Dever of Springfield, Ill., and Bryan Dever of Bend; one brother, Fred Tankley Jr. of Granite City; two sisters, Claire Marcus of Hillsboro, and Barbara Britt of Granite City; and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Clair (Appony) Tankley.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 8

p.m. today, Sunday, April 11, at Kravanya Funeral Home in Gillespie.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, April 12, at the funeral home, with the Rev. Richard Hill officiating. Burial will be in Gillespie City Cemetery.

**Lester Hester**

LESTER E. HESTER, 79, of Granite City, died Tuesday, April 6, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Mr. Hester was born March 9, 1920, in Dover, Tenn. He was retired from Granite City Steel and was a World War II U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include his daughter, Donna Spangenberg of Albany, Ga.; two sisters, Marion Hamm of Alveston, Ky., and Helma Watson of Joelton, Tenn.; one brother, Royce Hester of Bunker Hill; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dan and Vivian (Miles) Hester; one brother, Lehman Hester; and two sisters, Geraldine Lacey and Marie Hester.

Services were held Saturday, April 10, at Thomas Memorial Mortuary in Granite City, with the Rev. Thomas Asbury officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

**Marietta Klimas**

MARIETTA (WHITSON) KLIMAS, 64, of Freeburg, died Thursday, April 8, 1999, at her residence.

Mrs. Klimas was born Dec. 19, 1934, in Lewisburg, Ky. She was a foster parent.

Survivors include her husband, Joseph Klimas of Freeburg, whom she married Oct. 23, 1954; her mother, Audrey (Sleving) Gilliam of Freeburg; one sister, Mary Ann of Oakdale and Keith Klimas of St. Charles, Mo.; two daughters, Jackie Moses of Chapel Hill, Tenn., and Sherry Young of Christiansburg, Tenn.; one stepdaughter, Suzie Schaefer of Las Vegas; one stepbrother, Larry Finn of Granite City; six grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, April 12, at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church with the Rev. Tom Lester officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to the masses or St. Elizabeth Catholic Church.

**Homer Staub**

HOMER STAUB, 79, of Granite City, died Wednesday, April 7, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Mr. Staub was born Jan. 19, 1920, in Belleville. He retired in 1964 as a laborer for North American Cold Storage Co. Products of National City and was a member of Laborers

children.

He was preceded in death by his father, William Whitson; her stepfather, Eugene Sleving; and one sister, Ramona Diane, who died in infancy.

Services were held Saturday, April 10, at George Renner and Sons Funeral Home Chapel in Freeburg, with the Rev. Bruce Keseman officiating. Burial was in Green Mt. Protestant Cemetery in Belleville.

Memorials may be made to the Department of Children and Family Services.

**Marie Mecava**

MARIE T. (OBUCHIN) MECAVA, 80, of Granite City, died Thursday, April 8, 1999, at her residence.

Mrs. Mecava was born Oct. 24, 1918, in Madison. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Croatian Fraternal Union and Granite City AARP.

Survivors include her husband, Mike Mecava; one son, Michael L. Mecava of Granite City; one daughter, Jean Wilcox of Waukegan; one sister, Catherine Measki of Granite City; and two grandchildren, Joseph Wilcox and Catherine Wilcox of Waukegan.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Catherine (Vlasek) Obuchin; one infant son, Gregory Mecava; and two brothers, Pete and John Obuchin.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Sunday, April 11, at Irwin Chapel, 3650 Mayville Road, Granite City.

A rosary service will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, April 11. Services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, April 12, at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church with the Rev. Tom Lester officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

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Local No. 50 of Belleville.

Survivors include his wife, Helen (Royce) Staub; two daughters, Sharon and sister, Marcela Shure; one son, James Staub of Granite City; two brothers, Robert Staub of Washington Park and Charles Staub of Collinsville; and three sisters, Dorothy Siefert of Washington, Mo., Rose Marie Peas of Caseyville and Jo Heligh of Glen Carbon.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edmond and Alma (Heuser) Staub; one brother, Harvey Staub; and one sister, Marcela Shure.

Services were held Friday, April 9, at Kasky Mortuary Chapel in Fairview Heights, with the Rev. Oyd Grogan officiating. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery in Collinsville.

**Elizabeth Struckhoff**

ELIZABETH T. (PLANGAN) STRUCKHOFF, 79, of Granite City, died Friday, April 9, 1999, in Granite City.

Mrs. Struckhoff was born June 17, 1919, in Hazen, Ark. She had been a checker at Schermer's Grocery Store and was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband, Melvin Struckhoff, whom she married Sept. 2, 1972; one son, Charles Struckhoff; three brothers, John Plafcan of Granite City, Frances Plafcan of Madison, Mo., and George Plafcan of Mitchell; one sister, Irene Kovach of Granite City; and two grandchildren, Kathy Maden, Jackie Paul, and Chip Papp; and two great-grandchildren, Robert Papp and Jessica Maden.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Charles Papp; and her parents, George and Alice (Vanyo) Plafcan.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 11 p.m. today, Sunday, April 11, at Irwin Chapel, 3650 Mayville Road, Granite City.

A prayer service will be held at 4:30 p.m. today, Sunday, April 11.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, April 12, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City, with the Rev. Bill Fishelaker officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to Holy Family Catholic Church or to the masses or to the church.

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As you can see, choosing grass seed isn't just a hit-or-miss situation. If you happen to select a seed that requires a lot of maintenance to keep it looking good, and you'd rather spend time on the golf course, you won't be happy and may end up redoing the whole thing. If you pick a grass that won't thrive too well in the sun and your biggest shade tree is five feet high... it's obvious.

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**Campaign finance reform website expands**  
The Illinois Campaign for Political Reform (ICPR), chaired by former Senator Paul Simon, and the Center for Responsive Politics unveiled Thursday a major expansion of the "Open Secrets Illinois" campaign disclosure website. Located at [opensecrets.org/ill](http://opensecrets.org/ill), the expanded site now features:  
• A campaign finance profile of every Illinois state representative. The site also hosts detailed profiles of the Illinois congressional delegation, state constitutional officers, and party leaders.  
• A searchable campaign contributor database, including data for Governor Ryan and state party leaders to December 31, 1998.

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# You are wonderfully made — take care of yourself

You are wonderfully made. God's fingerprints are on you. Made in God's own image, you are so precious and valuable in His sight. We must take care of the body of your soul, this wonderful mechanism.

Approach a diet and exercise program from a health issue, not a superficial image. The fountain of true beauty comes from the heart not the cosmetic counter.

"Let your adornment be the inner self with the lasting beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit which is very precious in God's sight." Peter 3:4.

Ask any good mechanic how to care for a vehicle and he will tell you to change the oil every 3,000 miles, replace the filters, spark plugs and buy quality gasoline. Therefore to take care of our own physical vehicles we must consume

## A New You



Catherine Galasso

wholesome, nutritious foods to fuel our very best. We must drink pure water, eat green vegetables and lots of fruit. Don't put fast food in your tank all the time.

To get an accurate sense of how much you eat, keep food diaries. Write down what you eat and at what times.

Measure foods. Don't forget to count the mayonnaise in the tuna or the dressing on your salad. Use light or low fat when ever possible. You'll have a better chance sticking to a weight loss plan if you choose to eat low calorie foods you enjoy.

An Irish proverb says, "A good laugh and a long sleep are the best cures in the doctor's book." Get enough rest. People who don't get enough sleep are more likely to consume more high sugar and fatty foods just to get energy. Replace the candy bar with granola bars and remember that a sense of humor can revitalize and give you a burst of vigor.

If you feel stress or boredom you may be tempted to overeat. To divert that temptation by taking a walk, calling a friend or hitting a

tennis ball. Thirst can also mask itself as hunger. Drink at least eight 8-ounce glasses of water a day to be well hydrated and digest food efficiently.

Exercise is one of the best antidotes for depression. It increases metabolism, reduces stress and elevates your mood. "Movement affects your attitude," said Donna Lombardi, owner of a dance academy. "Once you start moving, blood starts to flow and you feel better."

Studies show that people who exercise in the morning are more likely to stick with it than those who wait until evening, when they're tired, to work out. So schedule that workout as you would a business appointment and stick to it.

When dining out, focus on food preparation and portion

control. Substitute an entree for an appetizer, order your salad with balsamic vinegar or a light dressing on the side and ask for your fish broiled without butter.

Binges usually involve a food that's readily available, so rid your cabinets of easy-access, high calorie food. Keep a package of baby carrots and cut up celery in the refrigerator for when you get the crunchy urge. Eliminate "unconscious" eating. Make a conscious effort to reform your food choices.

Chew gum while cooking dinner so you won't be tempted to sample the food while preparing it. Tasting food can add up to a whole meal.

Get plenty of nature's desserts. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, blueberries have the most

health-promoting antioxidants. The next best are strawberries, plums, oranges, red grapes, kiwi, pink grapefruit, bananas, apples, pears and honeydew melons. Prepare a bowl of these delicious fruits for a visual treat and eat all that you want guilt free.

Before you go off to work, center yourself in God's will for the day. Retreat to a quiet place, if only for a moment, where you can entirely relax and put yourself in His care. All fears, doubts and worries will disappear.

Catherine Galasso is a free-lance columnist for the *Suburban Journals*. You may write to her at *Suburban Journals*, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, 63131, or by e-mail at [westnews@primary.net](mailto:westnews@primary.net).

## Grand Prix will take off in style at Creve Coeur Days

The 10th annual Arthritis Foundation Mini Grand Prix will feature a new location and a new date.

The mini Indy-style go-cart race is May 22 in a parking lot at the Monsanto/Solutia Complex in Creve Coeur.

The race is in conjunction with the annual Creve Coeur Days festival.

About 40 to 50 cars are expected to participate in the Mini

Grand Prix, representing a variety of well-known St. Louis companies.

Racers will navigate a winding course at Monsanto/Solutia in a variety of heats throughout the day, culminating in a run for the championship.

The race is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In addition to the racing, Show World Productions is sponsoring a car show featuring classic and antique cars, as well as vintage racers, hot rods, remote control vehicles and a solar car.

The mission of the Arthritis Foundation is to support research to find a cure for and prevention of arthritis, and to improve the quality of life for those affected by the disease.

The Mini Grand Prix is the group's major annual fund-raiser.

The event also is sponsored by the *Suburban Journals*, KSDK-TV (Channel 5), Gateway Pontiac and Saturn of St. Louis.

## Harrah's boosts Sports for Kids

The St. Louis Sports Commission's Sports for Kids campaign has received a head start in its effort to raise \$200,000 by the end of the year, thanks to a donation from Harrah's St. Louis-River Casino.

The commission will launch its Sports for Kids program at a kickoff breakfast April 22. Even before its official start, Harrah's has lifted the campaign with a \$7,000 contribution.

In celebrating its second anniversary, Harrah's offered to donate 50 cents to Sports for Kids for every person who entered the casino March 11. About 14,000 people visited Harrah's that day.

Sports for Kids was created to serve as a catalyst for developing activities and programs to help children in the St. Louis area live healthier, happier and more productive lives through exposure to and participation in sports.

Along with funding existing activities connected to the St. Louis Sports Foundation — the Sports Commission's charitable affiliate — Sports for Kids will fund a new youth coaches recognition program, scholarships and a variety of other projects.

The Sports Foundation currently operates the Dreams for Youth program, which provides kids tickets to major sporting events. Separately, through the St. Louis Community Foundation, it provides gifts and grants to community organizations.

The Sports Foundation was established after the 1994 U.S. Olympic Festival.

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"At the conclusion of the treatment series, the patient is given mobilization techniques to avoid further injury," Rhodes said.



## Low turnout expected for local elections

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He said absentee voting — usually an indicator of the total voter turnout — is low. In local races, incumbent Pontoon Beach Mayor Glen Wilson is heading the ballot for the Continuous Action Party. He will be opposed by Trustee Randy Presswood of the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Party and retired police captain Jim Denham of the New Beginnings Party.

In the race for village clerk, Carlene Whitehead of the Continuous Action Party will face Lara Dochwat of the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Party and Susan Daugherty of the New Beginnings Party.

Continuous Action Party trustee candidates are Linda McFarland, building inspector Randy Viessman and Byron Wampler. Neighbors Helping Neighbors Party candidates are Dave Levy, Dotty Kelly and Brian Babalis, and New Beginnings Party trustee candidates will be Lowell Travis, Donald Lee Ridgeway and Michael

Pagano.

In Granite City, 19 candidates are vying for nine seats on the City Council. Seven of the seats are for four-year terms.

In Ward 1, incumbent Bob Page will face Joe McGinness. Four candidates, including incumbent Robert Wofford, will vie for the Ward 4 seat. Opposing Wofford will be former alderman Emerald Dawes, Larry Rudder and Donna Davis.

In Ward 5, incumbent Eddie Asadorian will face James Bailey Sr., Brenda Whitaker and former alderman Tom Candler. Incumbents Patrick Davis, Sandy Shaw and Bob Cook are unopposed.

For the two-year terms, incumbent Mac Warfield is unopposed in Ward 6, while in Ward 5 incumbent Lurtion Pulley will be opposed by Darrell Williams and Ted Hoffman.

Superintendent of Streets Jerry Lakin is unopposed. In both Madison and Venice, incumbent aldermen are all unopposed.

School board elections will also be held, but candidates will not take office until

November.

In Granite City, incumbents John Caudron, Jeff Parker and Ron Dillard are unopposed.

In Madison, incumbents Sharon Cass and Joe Garcia and newcomer Lynda Becker are on the ballot for three open seats, but the Rev. John Love has filed as a write-in candidate.

Five candidates have filed for three terms on the Venice School Board, which has been under fire recently over several incidents involving teachers and School Superintendent James Daugherty.

Filing were incumbents Metro Pierson, Tyrone Q. Echols and William Tyler and challengers Linda Matkins and Venice Alderman Ruby Johnson.

In other races, incumbent George Sykes will be opposed by Michael M. Patton for a six-year term on the Granite City Park Board.

On the Granite City Library Board, incumbents Kathy Antoff and Ronald Coleman will be challenged by Arno Sponeman for two six-year terms.

For the Venice Park Board, incumbents Harold Wilson, Joan Silas and Ricky Williams will face challenges from Celestine Williams and Vincent Valentine for three six-year terms.

## Haine: Bathon nearly lost treasurer's job

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County Board," Bathon said. "This is consistent with what we talked about (on April 1). Hopefully, I'll have some input in the process when the board discusses this issue."

Haine noted several other minor details in his lengthy opinion, including:

• "The law does, in fact, exclude the treasurer from the payment process until the

checks clear the bank."

• "There is also no need, by law, to have the treasurer's name on these county checks. Before Bathon became treasurer, checks did not contain officeholders' names."

• "The law positively rebuts a conclusion (by Bathon) that the treasurer is the 'primary signatory,' whatever that means, on these checks."

By law, Haine said, Bathon is given the duty to "countersign" with Von Nida, who begins the process and is

the "primary signatory."

Bathon also had questioned Haine more than once about whether "warrants" are the same thing as "checks." Haine said Bathon arrived at this conclusion without any effort to engage the state's attorney's office in a request for a legal opinion.

Haine opined that the terms are interchangeable and, hence, mean the same thing. Some county employees traditionally have referred to the checks as "warrants."

## Lazerson reflects on contributions to SIUE

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In 1962, he came to Washington University in St. Louis.

"I had a lot of offers. It was easy for people in the sciences to get jobs. This was just five years after Sputnik," he said.

After a visit to St. Louis and an offer from the university, he decided to stay here.

"I was an assistant professor and taught graduate-level courses, working with doctoral students," Lazerson said.

After three years in St. Louis he had a short stint as a visiting professor at Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass. Then it was back to Washington University for another three years.

Lazerson was hired by SIUE

in 1965.

"SIUE was planning to start a doctoral program in mathematics, and they invited me to join the faculty," he said.

He moved to Edwardsville from St. Louis at that time. His career quickly advanced and soon took an unexpected turn toward administration.

"I became the chairman of the mathematics department in 1972, and the dean of what was then called the School of Science and Technology, which I suppose in some sense is the first administrative position I held," he said.

"I started getting into issues that had to do with trying to figure out what the mission of the school was," he recalled. "I found myself in a planning mode: my first budgeting mode, hiring of new faculty, evaluating the faculty and dealing with the curriculum."

"I still wanted to continue teaching, too." In the spring of 1976, SIUE President John Rendleman died and Provost Andy Kouchman was named acting president. Lazerson became acting provost. That position became permanent a little more than a year later.

In the set-up at that time, I

had two capacities," Lazerson said. "I was the academic vice

president and dealt with all administrative academic matters, and I was the senior vice president of the university and as such, I had a role to play in other aspects of university life, not just the academic side."

That position was again short-lived, as Lazerson was named acting president in September 1979. He became president in July of the following year. He held that position until his retirement in 1993.

"I really came to a fork in the road when I made the transition from academia to administration," he said. "I changed my life."

"As a faculty member, my role was to do the best I could with the teaching function and research," he said. "As provost or president, I was very much concentrating on the institution, in terms of the daily problems and then the strategic issues, like how to position the university for the long term."

"How can you provide a better education for the students we serve? That was my major question."

Lazerson boiled down his contribution to SIUE in one simple statement: "I think I gave it a sense of direction."



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## Murder conspiracy fell apart behind Madison County Jail

By Dennis Grubaugh  
Staff writer

A murder conspiracy allegedly hatched behind bars at the Madison County Jail apparently unraveled when the selected hit man agreed to record key conversations for police, court testimony showed Thursday.

Demand Spruill of Alton wore a body wire or used a telephone recording device to gather information implicating Jeffrey Ewing, the purported mastermind of a plot to kill people who were witnesses in the 1996 shooting death of Dwight Riddleberger on an Alton tavern parking lot, police said.

Ewing has been charged with murder in the case but was not the trigger man, investigators have said.

Ewing has been charged with conspiracy to murder two individuals, but Spruill testified Thursday in Madison County Circuit Court that Ewing also had plans to kill two others that later were dropped when the two said they would not testify in his murder trial.

No one actually was killed as a result of the plot, and police said the investigation

is continuing.

Police said Ewing was the man who handed a 9mm pistol out of a crowd to Clifton Wheeler before Riddleberger was shot after a fight.

Wheeler pleaded guilty to murder and is in prison. Ewing was charged with murder in the case in February.

Since 1997, Spruill said he has had several conversations with Ewing about killing individuals connected to the case.

Spruill said the list included Wheeler and Angela Jirde — for which Ewing has been charged — and two individuals identified as Gregory Burgess and Eric "E-mall" Alexander.

However, Ewing apparently backed off plans to kill Burgess and Alexander after they informally agreed not to testify, Spruill said.

Spruill's testimony came during Ewing's preliminary hearing. Circuit Judge J. Lawrence Keshner bound Ewing over for a trial that will be held May 10 in front of Circuit Judge Charles Romani Jr.

Spruill was sentenced to eight years in prison in a drug case last year but was

released from prison last month after he agreed to work with authorities. He is on an electronic monitoring system, and his whereabouts are not being disclosed by authorities.

Spruill said his many conversations with Ewing included at least two while both were in the County Jail and two over the telephone while Spruill was in the Illinois Department of Corrections and Ewing was out on the street.

Regarding Wheeler, Ewing "wanted me to hit him up," Spruill said. That conversation came while Spruill was in prison.

The plot to kill Jirde occurred while he was in the County Jail, Spruill said. Detective Scott Golke of the Alton Police Department testified that Spruill also had a three-way recorded telephone conversation with Ewing and Ewing's wife, Tiffany, in which it was agreed that Tiffany Ewing would deliver a .44-caliber pistol, \$100 in cash and ammunition to Spruill at an agreed-upon location in St. Louis.

Alton police went to the location in St. Louis.

## Durbin, Senate makes \$30 million available to farmers

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin recently announced that Senate Democrats have worked with the Clinton Administration to make available \$30 million in emergency funds to help farmers in Illinois and across the nation facing record-low commodity prices.

Durbin said the emergency funds are necessary to continue providing farm loans. A portion will pay for emergency Farm Service Agency workers processing those applications. Illinois is expected to receive approximately \$84,000 to keep 62 temporary employees on the job through April 15.

The temporary funds should last until Congress returns to complete passage of a \$13 million emergency farm package. The \$30 million will be repaid from money included in that legislation, which Durbin and other Senate Democrats tried to pass before Congress left town.

"These funds will provide Illinois farmers with the help they need right now," said Durbin, a member of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture.

"Congress should have passed this legislation before it left. It must be a top priority when we return."

Durbin and other farm state senators worked with the Administration to make the funds available after the Republican leadership failed to finish work on the so-called supplemental appropriations bill that contains \$110 million to support \$1.1 billion in farm loans and \$43 million to pay temporary FSA employees.

The bill passed the Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives, but

Republican leaders did not resolve the differences between the two versions of the legislation, a necessary step before the legislation can be sent to President Clinton.

Durbin said the \$30 million will support \$333 million in farm loans and pay temporary

FSA employees to process loan deficiency payments: direct payments to certain producers and commodities to combat low prices and other hardships.

Durbin said some Illinois

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## Absentee voting prepared available until Monday

By Paul Mackie  
Staff writer

Voting on absentee ballots can now be done at several locations throughout Madison County.

The county's first consolidated election is set for Tuesday, but County Clerk Mark Von Nida said in-person absentee voting is now available at his office in the County Administration Building, Suite 109, 157 N. Main St.

"Absentee voting is running as expected," Von Nida said. "The numbers are down from the general election (last fall). The absentee ballots are available for people who will be out of town or in

hospitals, or involved in law enforcement activities or election duties."

In-person absentee voting will be available in Von Nida's office until 5 p.m. Monday and at the following offices:

Alton City Clerk, Bethalto Village Clerk, East Alton Village Clerk, Edwardsville City Clerk, Glen Carbon Village Clerk, Godfrey Village Clerk, Granite City City Clerk, South Roxana Village Clerk, Troy City Clerk, Wood River City Clerk, Chouteau Township Clerk, Nameoki Township Clerk and Wood River Township Clerk.

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means the school board elections, which used to be in November, will take place at the same time as the regular township and municipal elections.

"Traditionally, school board elections had very low turnout because it was the only thing on the ballot," Von Nida said.

The consolidated election will also include townships, municipal libraries, Fox Waterway Management Agency, library districts, community college boards, regional boards of school trustees, fire protection districts and fire preserve districts.

Von Nida said preparation for the first consolidated election has gone well.

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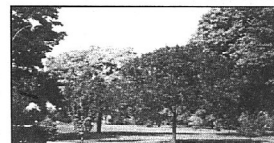
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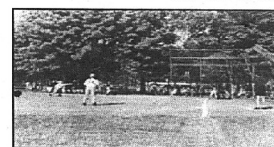
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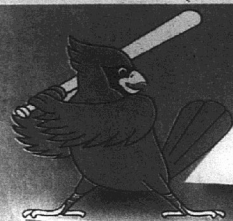
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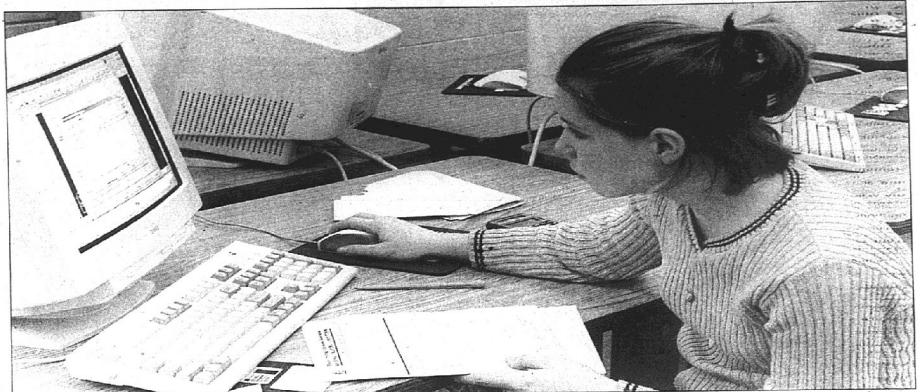


# Drafting students square off in competition

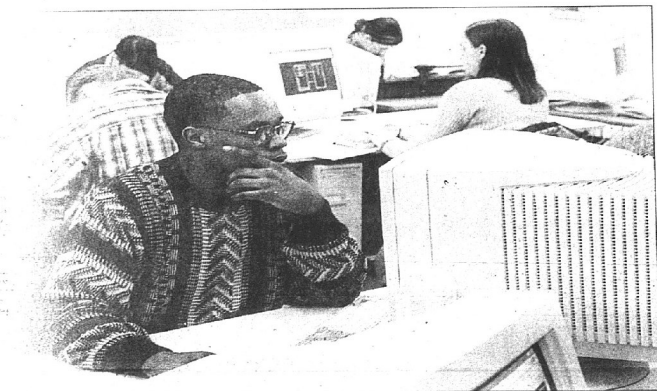
Winners will compete on state level on April 24

Area high school students squared off in a drafting competition recently when Belleville Area College hosted the Illinois Drafting Educators Association contest. The competition at BAC was the 12th annual contest held throughout the state. Fifty-five schools representing seven schools participated in the event. The six categories tested were structural, machine or interior board drafting, architectural, mechanical and computer CAD. Students who placed first or second in the state competition, to be held April 24 at the State University in Chicago/Normal, will advance to state level. "We are very proud of our students who compete at this level," said John Connor, BAC drafting faculty member and program coordinator. "It speaks very well of the quality drafting programs that are offered at these high schools."

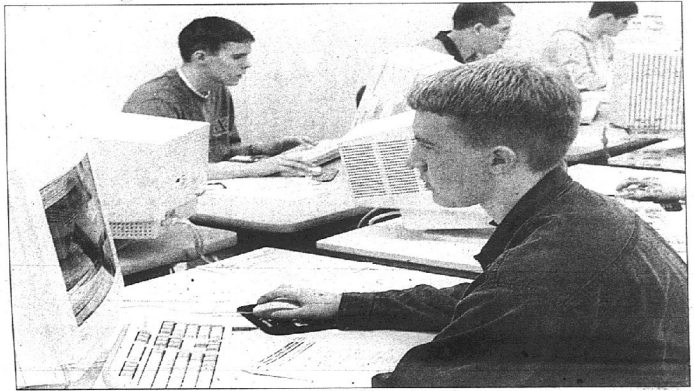
Architects and engineers from area firms and instructors from BAC's Drafting Department judge the work of the students. Winners received drafting supplies, certificates and plaques. The award winners include: Collinsville High School: Kelli Scharf, first in architectural board; Brian Doyle, second in architectural board; and Joseph Kerfoot, second in introductory board. Freeburg High School: Samantha Goodwin, first in introductory board; and Brandon Castens, second in machine board. Highland High School: David Gunning, first in introductory CAD; and Sandra Wilson, second in CAD architectural.



Rachel Lyn Minton, a junior at Triad High School, concentrates at the CAD machine during drafting competition at Belleville Area College. Ann Knief photos



Jon Connor, a senior at Belleville Township West High School, ponders a problem during the CAD architectural portion of drafting competition.



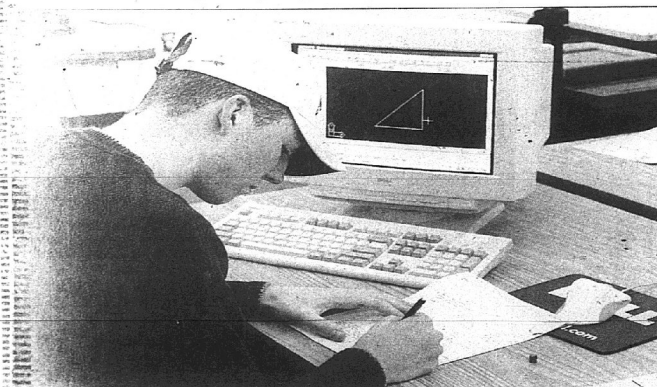
Jon Lawrence, a junior at Red Bud High School, concentrates during the CAD architectural segment of drafting competition.



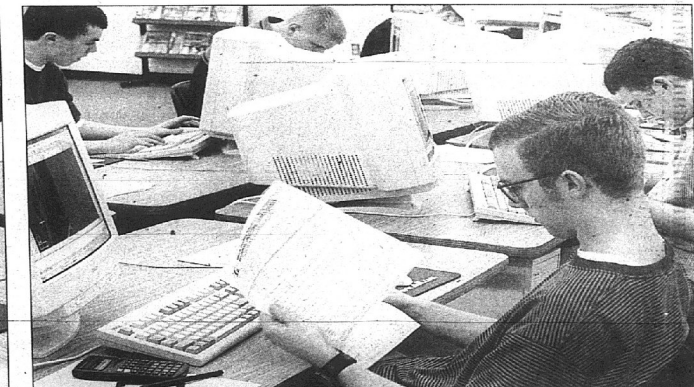
Jeffrey Gordon, a senior at Mascoutah Community High School, works at the structural board during drafting competition.



Jeffrey Seib, a senior at Collinsville High School, concentrates at the machine board during the competition.



Bryon Rahn, a junior at Red Bud High School, works at the CAD machine during a portion of the competition.



Ben Molitor, a senior at Triad High School, looks over a packet of instruction during CAD machine competition.

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## National Markets extend sale, closes stores Monday

By Kim Wright  
Staff writer

National Markets, which recently filed for bankruptcy, has extended its operating hours through Monday.

Company officials requested the five-day extension over the original closing date to move the remaining items from the 17 stores in the area. Remaining merchandise is now selling at 50 percent off the original price, and the stores are still honoring coupons.

The stores will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday.

"Everything is going very well," said Kathy Surratt-States, bankruptcy trustee for the company. "People are shopping and we are moving the inventory."

National Markets filed Chapter 7 on April 2. Surratt-States is a member of the Clayton-based Ziecher & Hocker law firm.

People last week took advantage of the 25 percent savings at the stores and stocked up on many items.

"I think the sale is great. I wish I had gotten here earlier," said Robin Richee, a Florissant resident who last week was at the National store on Lewis and Clark Boulevard in Bellefontaine Neighbors.

Linda Williams, a Castlepoint resident, enjoyed the sale at the Lewis and Clark store, but not at the price of losing the store. She would give up the low sale prices to keep the store, she said.

"I think it's a shame," Williams said. "I know they had to struggle to get their stores back."

Shortly after the sale began Tuesday, the produce, dairy and meat shelves were empty. Checkout lines wrapped through the aisles with some shoppers dragging two carts with them.

Shoppers are concerned about the buildings remaining empty after National is gone.

"If they don't open something it will be bad for the community," Williams said.

National Markets' parent company, Family Company, purchased more than 20 stores from Schnuck Markets in 1996. Shortly after taking ownership, Family Co. closed several of its stores and operated 17 at the time it filed for bankruptcy.

Surratt-States hasn't received any written offers as of yet, but has received calls from interested buyers.

"After getting the inventory out the next step will be to liquidate the buildings," she said.

Payroll checks distributed to employees March 31 were not honored but, checks given out April 2 were.

Surratt-States called for an emergency hearing on the matter, Friday.

Information on the amount of money owed by National Markets is still not known.

## Parkway West paper devoting entire issue to controversy

By Mary Shapiro  
Staff writer

The staff of Parkway West High School's student newspaper plans to devote the April 30 issue of the Pathfinder to the theme of student rights.

The content will be in response to Principal Beth Plunkett's decision last month to halt distribution of the March 19 edition — a satiric "Battle of the Sexes" issue — primarily because she and others considered the cover inappropriate.

Plunkett had said she received complaints from some students and school staff who considered words on the cover to be "sexist, sexually explicit and sensational."

Plunkett said distribution of the March 19 issue would have resumed if students had revised the cover, but the newspaper staff flatly refused.

The cover showed a boy dressed as a cave man and a girl in an evening gown above the title "Battle of the Sexes."

Beauty vs. the Beast."

The boy's thoughts are depicted as vulgar and the girl's as flippant and inconsequential. Newspaper staff members said the issue was a satire poking fun at stereotypes of each sex often have of the other.

"We decided that by the time we got back from spring break April 5, the news in the March 19 edition would have been too old anyway," said Werner, a senior. "Any articles that are still newsworthy will also be printed in the April 30 edition."

The April 30 issue will include a factual account of the controversy over the March 19 edition, Werner said, as well as articles on the theme of student rights under the First Amendment, search and seizure laws, etc.

Staff members plan to invite Plunkett to address the controversy and offer her opinions in an article for the April 30 edition, Werner said.

"We know that we, and this issue, are now under tight

scrutiny — we want to make this edition the best ever," Werner said.

Several attempts to reach Plunkett for comment were unsuccessful.

Werner praised the dedication and abilities of the paper's staff.

"We were always close before, but this situation helped us to learn more about each other and how we handle real pressure," she said.


Werner said she learned a lot during the past month — outside of the classroom.

"I learned how the school administration and even how the St. Louis press work," Werner said.

"I'm still angry. I don't believe what we did was wrong," she said. "The only way our staff can come out on top now is to make the April 30 edition just spectacular."

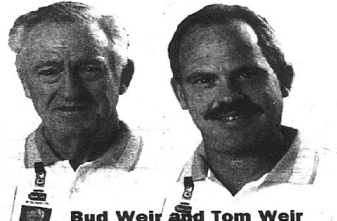
Werner can see some irony in the situation. "The administration didn't want anyone to see the March 19 issue, but it turned out that the entire community saw it," she said.

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## Missouri concealed gun supporters vow to continue business as usual

By Kim Wright  
Staff writer

It's business as usual for supporters of the concealed weapon carry law, which was defeated at the polls Tuesday.

"We aren't going to do anything different now than we have done for the last seven years," Gil Pyles, vice president of the Second Amendment Coalition, said.

"All the senators and representatives who supported us before are still our friends and sponsors."

Opponents of the proposition feel that the people have spoken and it should be left at that.

"The people of Missouri don't want concealed weapons," Hazelwood Chief of Police Carl Wolf said. "We always had faith in the Missouri voter. It was not a good law."

Nearly 70 percent of the

voters in St. Louis County were against the proposition, which would have issued permits to people to carry concealed handguns after they'd completed training and passed police records checks.

A total of 47.7 percent of the county's registered voters showed up at the polls.

"Voters in St. Louis County accounted for one-third of all the no votes," said Dale Sehn, campaign coordinator for the Missourians Against Crime.

Those who voted against the proposition said they didn't want more guns on the streets and didn't want to feel unsafe.

"I don't want to feel like it's such an unsafe world that I have to carry a gun every day," said Debbie Harpole of Bridgeton after she'd voted.

"We already have too many guns on the streets," said William Davis, 70, who spoke

outside his polling place in Bellefontaine Neighbors.

Others were concerned about the safety of children.

"We don't need any innocent children getting caught in the crossfire," said Melissa Wagner, 33, of Bellefontaine Neighbors.

Amy Effinger, 24, a St. Ann resident, was concerned that there were already too many people with guns who weren't trained to use them.

Although the proposition didn't pass, 95 percent of the state's counties voted in favor of it, Schmidt said.

"We will see what happens next in state legislature," Schmidt said.

"The people have made it clear that they don't want concealed weapons so why send it back through the legislature, Wolf said.

## Kirkwood youth dies in Tuesday strangling accident

By Heather Cole  
Staff writer

A 12-year-old boy who died Tuesday of an accidental strangulation is remembered by friends and teachers as an energetic youth who always was smiling.

A funeral service for Marcus Sanford was Friday at St. Peter's Catholic Church, 243 W. Argonne Ave.

Kirkwood police Lt. Diane Scanga said Marcus died while playing "truth or dare" with friends at 7 p.m. in a pavilion at Pignatta Montessori School, in the 1200 block of Simmons Avenue.

Marcus tied a jump rope around his neck, looped the

opposite end over a pavilion beam and stepped off a table, Scanga said. He had assumed the rope was long enough for him to reach the ground, she said.

Marcus attended North Kirkwood Middle School, 11287 Manchester Road, where he started classes two years ago, said David Holley, the school principal. Holley said Marcus always greeted him in the hallway.

It may seem like a real little thing, but as principal, when I walk down the hall, a lot of kids look the other way, a lot don't speak," Holley said. "When Marcus would walk by, he looked up, looked me in the eye and said hello."



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**Edwardsville advances**  
 to 7-0 this season  
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## Stepping down

Hylsky will retire from officiating after this season

A protested baseball game the other day made me wonder how North Hylsky of Collinsville would have ruled on it because after 49 years of officiating, the East St. Louis native will retire at the end of this season.

Currently a high school softball and baseball umpire with a few junior college baseball games on his schedule, the 76-year-old Hylsky is among the most easy-going people you'd ever want to meet.

A retired heating and air conditioning expert, Hylsky started his officiating career in football and basketball at the urging of retired Belleville resident Charlie Geiler.

Hylsky cannot estimate how many games he has worked, but knows his wife Helen (nee Dusek) of Fairmount City has heard many postgame stories during their 50 years of married life.

The protested contest was a baseball game between the University of Missouri-St. Louis and St. Joseph's (Ind.) in St. Louis, where a squeeze bunt down the first base line led to confusion.

On the play, the UMSL first baseman and the runner collided, but according to the umpires, the fielder was guilty of interference since he got in the way of the batter/runner.

On the play, the batter/runner was not only awarded first base, but the runner from third base was allowed to score.

The fact is that even if Hylsky had his rule book in hand, indicating that the runner at third must remain there on such an obstruction play, it would have been of no value.

You see, in the Great Lakes Valley Conference of which the two teams and SIU-Edwardsville are members, no regular season protests are permitted. Only protests during the postseason NCAA qualification are accepted by the conference commissioner.

Extra innings  
 Among the officials attending a recent baseball rules meeting at Belleville West, Hylsky, like his colleagues, was informed by an Illinois High School Association rules interpreter of everything from umpires' attire to the definition of the strike zone.

The IHSA, though, continues to work in strange ways while allowing games to end with eight players on a team (when injury is involved) and continuing to apply a coin flip to determine a home team in the postseason even after teams are seeded.

A rules change amended since the start of the season was one in which teams were not to throw the ball around the infield if the "speed-up" was employed.

Footnotes  
 Former Belleville Area College baseball All-American Brian Fuess has had an early impact as a designated hitter and cleanup batter at Southwest Missouri State. The Belleville West graduate, now a college junior, was 4-for-4 with a home run and two RBI in a 16-7 rout of Middle Tennessee.

Former O'Fallon and Highland High pitcher Jason Frey, also a junior, is the No. 1 relief pitcher for SMSU.



Granite City coach Gene Baker said Felicia Mohsen (5) can help the Warriors in a lot of different spots on the field.

## Granite City ties with Red Knights

Montgomery nets lone goal for Warriors

By Rick Broome  
 Staff writer

The Granite City girls soccer team had the better of the play Wednesday at home against Incarnate Word of north St. Louis.

**GIRLS SOCCER**  
 The Granite City girls soccer team had the better of the play Wednesday at home against Incarnate Word of north St. Louis. The Warriors ended up in a 1-1 tie with one of Missouri's most successful prep programs. Incarnate Word scored in the second minute of the game on a penalty kick. The Red

Knights' Katie Smith was pulled down in the box and IWA was granted the kick. Smith's low roller beat Chelsea Peery to the keeper's right side. From that point, it was all Granite City. Amber Hubert and Felicia Mohsen had a chance in close in the 19th minute but Red Knights keeper Rose Dalton cleared the area. Two minutes later, Hubert's hard run earned a corner kick. Keri Ousley's shot off the set

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Deirdre Rosenberg and the Warriors dominated against Incarnate Word Academy but could not score.

## Team effort falls short

Junior varsity squad dominates play, but fails to break through against IWA

By Rick Broome  
 Staff writer

Granite City's junior varsity gave a good showing but fell to Incarnate Word Academy of north St. Louis County 1-0 Wednesday night.

**JV GIRLS SOCCER**  
 One of the top girls soccer programs in Missouri, IWA got the only goal of the game in the 48th minute on a freakish bounce. The ball hit the ground and launched spinning into the air. It came down as an IWA forward ran under it to nudge it past Warriors' keeper Ashley Murphy.

The goal came after the Warriors had been dictating the run of play. The Granite pressure continued after the goal, with Laura Canada laying siege to the Incarnate box from the striker position. "The first half we totally dominated them," Granite City coach Virgil Kirksey said. "We couldn't get a goal. In the second half we were going into the wind and we still controlled the play, we just let a ball bounce in front of the

keeper, and it just bounced above her head. That was really their only shot on goal. They did not have another shot on goal the whole game."

Kirksey said the Granite City offense should couldn't finish off its opportunities. "Laura had a lot of good chances, she was in the box a bunch," he said. "Holly Derosett was in there a lot. We had a good game from Christine Obrenski. Katie Forrester played really solid at stopper. Shannon Paoli played well. Courtney Bosworth made good runs down the right wing. Our defense was really solid. Leisha Williams is a freshman, she plays left wingback, and she is one who was always setting up the plays, short passes coming out. Deirdre Rosenberg was really solid. Chrissie Ballard was really good at stopper also. Rachel Gutierrez played very strong at right wingback. They did not really get into our box the whole game and that is kind of how you judge how well you played. They fought one ball that went to the net and went in."

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## Belleville West edges Granite City in SWC action

Maroons turn back late comeback from Warriors, Baillargeon keeps GCHS off balance with pitching

By Rick Broome  
 Staff writer

The Southwestern Conference battle Thursday between Belleville West and Granite City was dominated by pitching, defense and one defensive mistake.

**PREP BASEBALL**  
 The Maroons turned back Granite City's seventh-inning comeback to post a 2-1 victory. Belleville West scored one run in the bottom of the first inning by moving its leadoff batter around the bases. Jason Baillargeon walked and was sacrificed to second by Lucas

"I'm disappointed in the fact that we got beat 2-1, but I'm pleased with some progress that we've made. We played well defensively. This is the best game we have played defensively, other than the one fly ball to right field. I think we are making improvement."

Gus Lignoul  
 Granite City coach

base. Daubach lofted a pop fly into right which Warriors outfielder Jason Newman misplayed. Baillargeon scored from second on the error, but Scharden kept the Maroons from a big inning.

The score remained 2-0 that way until the top of the seventh. Dustin Murphy led off the inning for Granite City with a double deep to left-center field. Newman grounded out to second, but Matt Pistorius launched a double to score Murphy from second. Devon

Mayes grounded out and Baillargeon struck out Elliott Dyne to end the game. Baillargeon went 1 for 2 with two walks and two runs at the plate. On the mound, he limited the Warriors to just the one run on five hits.

"He did a nice job," Granite City coach Gus Lignoul said. "He kept the kids off-balance with the good fastball and a pretty good curveball. He did a nice job there and that's an area that we have to work on."

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Neal O'Donnell rounds a base during Belleville West's 2-1 victory against Granite City on Thursday. The Warriors fell to 1-4 with the loss.

Baillargeon scored again in the third inning to make the score 2-0. He walked to lead off the inning and stole second





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"Melissa had a super game," Granite City coach Gene Baker said. "You don't always see the good headers in the girls game, but that one was picture perfect."

"I'm happy because we played so well and we outplayed them," Baker said. "We had possession of the ball so frequently and penetrated so much in their half of the field. We had a lot of chances. Crystal

"Erin Tyler is going to be a good one. There were two balls that she didn't hit hard left-footed and she hit them short. She's so smart. She knows not to make the same mistake twice and makes up for any mistake she does

The Warriors face Edwardsville on Monday.

"We did the same thing against Nerinx Hall on Tuesday," Wallace said. "I don't know if it

ball ended up in the net but the officials instead awarded a penalty kick. Cara LeMaster's PK attempt was chipped over the crossbar, keeping the game tied at 1-1.

"Both Jason and (shortstop) Lucas (Wessel) played pretty well," Belleville West coach Chuck Hasenstab said. "We are trying to get Jason to settle down and relax a little bit. He gets a little anxious out there. But both of them had a

The Warriors fell to 1-4 overall on the season and 0-3 in the Southwestern Conference after previous losses to Collinsville and Edwardsville.

"We had a couple of balls that just happened to be hit right at them. Their shortstop

Wessel, made some nice plays and they had some trouble with the fly ball in right field

pleased with the progress that we are making and the way the kids are going about it.

difference in this game and that's usually what the case is in these one-run games."

Belleville West improved to 5-2 overall, 1-2 in the Southwestern Conference.

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"We played really well, they passed the ball well. we were

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# Tigers hammer hard-throwing East St. Louis hurler

Edwardsville extends unbeaten streak to 47 games with 9-3 conference victory over Flyers

By Louie Korac  
Staff writer

Seven up, seven down.  
The victims just keep rolling in as the Edwardsville Tigers

continue to face the opposition's best.  
East St. Louis sent hard-throwing righthander Robert Mosby to the mound against EHS Thursday, but the Tigers remained unbeaten with a 9-3 Southwestern Conference win at the Sports Complex.

Led by Andrew Honegger, Matt Bogle and Matt Turner, the Tigers peppered Mosby with 11 hits. The trio combined to go 6 for 8 with five runs and three RBI.

EHS pitchers Ben Hosto, Jake Schuette and Brett Zika shut down the Flyers on four hits.

Edwardsville, now 7-0, 3-0 in the SWC, carried a 47-game unbeaten streak into Friday's matchup with the Roxana Shells. A win would match Oak Forest's mark of 48 consecutive wins set in 1995-96 as the second-best streak in the state. Edwardsville set the mark for most consecutive wins (64) in 1990-91.

"We knew that probably going in, we'd probably face Mosby and I haven't seen him personally, but I've heard a lot of things about him, not just from the baseball people here, but the baseball people in the metropolitan area," said Edwardsville coach Tim Funkhouser. "We knew we'd have to play a good game to win, and they did. (East St. Louis) stuck around. They've got some good hitters and kept batting."

Hosto (1-0) worked the first two innings. He took a line drive off his ankle from the bat of Flyers first baseman Kerwin Williams to end the first and was later pulled from the game.

Hosto gave up two runs, a mammoth 425-foot blast off Mosby's bat to left-center field in the first and a line drive home run down the left field



Nick Seibert scored a run during Thursday's game against East St. Louis.

line by Mario Slaughter in the top of the second. He walked

one and struck out two.  
Schuette worked the next 3 1/3 innings and gave up a run on one hit. He walked six and struck out three. Zika finished the final 1 2/3 innings without allowing a run or a hit. He struck out two.

"I was really impressed with our pitchers, that they started locating a little better," Funkhouser said. "Jake did a good job. He hasn't thrown in a while in competition because it just hasn't worked out for him, but we feel confident with Jake, too, and I think he'll get better as the season progresses."

Edwardsville struck for three runs in each of the first two innings on eight hits. They hit Mosby, who went the distance, for one in the fifth and two more in the sixth.

"We're a completely different team (from last season), but it's the same hard work and dedication every day," said Turner, who was 2 for 3 with a run and an RBI. "Mosby was throwing some real heat tonight, and I'm sure facing (Collinsville pitcher Ken) Lutz on Tuesday really gave our hitters a good advantage, seeing such good pitches."

Bogle, who was 2 for 3 with

a double, two runs and an RBI, was impressed with how well his team handled Mosby.

"He popped them in there pretty good, but he threw some sliders, too," Bogle said. "He threw fastballs mainly, but it's just a matter of your timing, getting started earlier and laying off the bad stuff."

With the bases loaded and two outs in the first, Mosby threw a wild pitch that scored Bogle and designated hitter Nick Seibert, who came in all the way from second on the play.

An RBI single by Turner scored Tim Hansel to make it 3-1 in the first.

Todd Spitz, Honegger and Bogle delivered RBI in the second to make it 6-2.

Travis Riggs singled home Turner in the fifth for a 7-2 lead, and Hansel delivered a

two-run double in the sixth for a 9-3 lead and the win.

"I think for what we came with today, we played pretty well," said Flyers coach Bennie Lewis, whose squad dropped to 1-3 and 0-3 in the SWC. "We're just giving up too many runs. (Mosby) is a big, strong kid and we know that. This is his second time pitching, and he really needed to get the work in so we wanted him to go as far as he could go today."

"They hit the ball, there's no doubt about that. We knew that coming to play them today wasn't gonna be easy because they're a good ball club. They just outhit us and made the plays. When the ball's hit to them, they're gonna make the plays."

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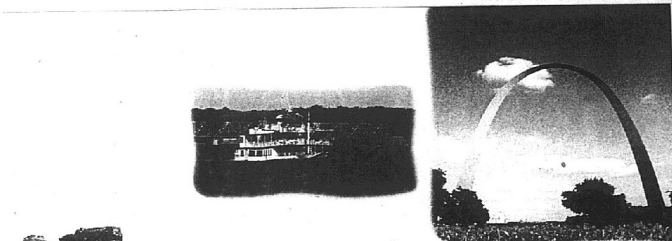
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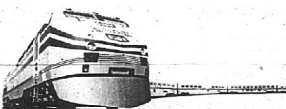
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## St. Clair hosting tournament

Competitors from around country expected for event

By Scott Marlon  
Staff writer

Young bowlers are going to have the opportunity to strike gold on April 18.

On that day, St. Clair Bowl in O'Fallon will host the Metro East Scratch Gold Qualifier tournament. Competition starts at 10 a.m. in the Junior Olympic Gold premier event, which offers scholarship money and a chance to advance to the Junior Olympic Gold National Championship Tournament.

Mike Imes, youth director at St. Clair Bowl and commissioner of the Southern Illinois High School Bowling Conference, expects the event to draw a solid

"This is a new program designed to attract kids who are thinking about leaving the YABA programs to join adult leagues."

Mike Imes

field of local and out-of-state bowlers.

"This is a new program designed to attract kids who are thinking about leaving the YABA (Young American Bowling Alliance) programs to join adult leagues," Imes said. "So far, we have entries from 20 local kids and 10 from out of state, but we have enough lanes for up

to 100 entries. We have some strong high school bowlers here and we'd like to get more of them."

"There's no age limit — you can be a college bowler and still compete in it. Girls just need to have a 165 average and boys need a 175, although I'm sure we'll have a lot of boys with averages of 190 and up. We're offering over \$7,000 in scholarships and awards and we'll also give \$5,000 in scholarship money to anyone who bowls a perfect game in the fourth game."

"We had two tournaments like this last year at Bel-Air Bowl in Belleville with a \$100 entry fee. This tournament has a \$75 entry fee, and for every 40 entrants, we'll award one expenses-aid trip to nationals, which will be July 11-16 in Orlando, Fla. We had 50 kids at both of those tournaments and quite a few came from Arkansas and Kansas City (Mo.)."

The out-of-state contingent for the April 18 tournament includes three bowlers from Arkansas, two from Kentucky, three from Iowa, two from Indiana and one from New York.

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### Bowling results

The ISBPA/YABA state team finals were Feb. 21 and Feb. 28 in Hoffman Estates. Fifty-seven bowling centers were represented with 490 teams competing at the beginning of the event. One-hundred teams qualified to participate in the state finals.

The six teams from Montclair Bowl in Edwardsville were:

The Strikers, bantam mixed (ages 7-8), third place — Cody Clayton, Nathan McEwen, Kyle Sardigal, Katie Baird and Darla Ahlert.

It Doesn't Matter, prep mixed (ages 9-11), fourth place — Jennifer Sardigal, Brad Bollmann, Greg Bollmann, Jeff Elhausen, Josh Cover.

Girl Power, prep girls (ages 9-11), 10th place — Dieder Ahlert, Teri Winkler, Nicole

Italiano, Ericka Wise, Sara Marfia.

The Wolf Pack, prep boys (ages 9-11), first place — Denny Calahan, Ben Bruncic, Keven Eaves, John Willman and Jake Willman.

The Montclair Bowl, junior mixed (ages 12-14), second place — Jenny Mitchell, Breeann Wells, Ashley Buchwald, Tyler Rotter and Zach Gilbert.

The Alley Rats, major/senior mixed (ages 15-18), first place — Toni Perry, Brett Hansel, Jason Reinbeck, Justin Gehrs and Nick Jones.

### Golf tourney

Legacy Golf Course will conduct a two-person scramble May 2. The cost is \$50 per player, which includes greens fees, cart and prize money.

Legacy also is starting a Thursday Night two-person scramble league beginning May 6. The cost is \$15 per person with a cart, or \$7 per person walking. For more information on either event call 931-4653 or (314) 726-4653.

### Soccer camps

The second annual Touch on the Ball youth soccer camps will take place this summer in various local communities. The camps are for both boys and girls who are entering grades 1-6 in the fall of 1999. The

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- June 21-25, Maryville (St. John Neumann School);
- June 28-July 2, Edwardsville (STUE fields);
- July 19-23, Belleville (Belle Claire Soccer Complex);
- July 26-30, Edwardsville (STUE fields).

Team camps for boys and girls entering grades 7-12 are available upon request.

The camps are directed by Dale Schilly and David Fernandez, both USSF "A" licensed instructors. For more information on any of the camps please call 667-8333.

### Prairie State Games

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Sports offered are basketball, soccer, volleyball and football.

To obtain an application, call the Prairie State Games office at 632-1002.

### Junior hockey

The Metro East will have a new junior hockey team this fall. The Belleville Junior Blackhawks, a Junior C team, will start play in September.

The traveling team, which will play its home games at the U.S. Ice Sports Complex in Fairview Heights, is for players under 20. The purpose of the team is to prepare players for collegiate and/or professional hockey. The team is endorsed by NHL Enterprises and has permission to use the name and logo of the NHL's Chicago Blackhawks.

Tryouts will be 12-15 p.m. on May 22 and 3 p.m. on May 23 at the U.S. Ice Sports Complex. The roster will feature up to 25 players, including three goaltenders. Any high school player is eligible.

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# John Cleese shines in uneven-but-funny 'Out-of-Towners'

In "The Out-of-Towners," a middle-aged couple from Ohio come to New York City and suffer through 24 hours of unadulterated hell. Sound like a movie Rudolph Giuliani would assail?

## REVIEW

No way. The mayor's in it. Giuliani presides over a gala dinner at Central Park's Tavern on the Green, celebrating the donation of new lighting for the park. When the lights go on, the guests stare out the large window and see — Steve Martin and Goldie Hawn making out on the lawn. This is the most hilarious scene in an otherwise uneven comedy based on the Neil Simon screenplay for the 1970 Jack Lemmon-Sandy Dennis movie of the same name. That version was far from vintage Simon, the couple's treatment at the hands of New Yorkers seeming more masochistic than funny.

The new "Out-of-Towners" begins with Henry and Nancy Clark (Martin and Hawn) back home in Ohio suffering the

middle-age blues as their son flees off to study in Paris — their daughter has moved to New York. Nancy is beset with the empty-nest syndrome.

Henry has just been fired from his job at an ad agency, a victim of age discrimination, and he is afraid to tell his wife. His one hope: a job interview in New York. Nancy insists on accompanying him.

The trip seems doomed from the start. New York is soaked in, and their plane is diverted to Boston. Their luggage is lost, they miss their train, buses are unavailable. They rent a car and become lost on the expressway. Their arrival in New York is marked by a crash through the Fulton Fish Market stalls.

On their way to the hotel the Clarks are accosted by a well-dressed Britisher who says he needs \$5 for a phone call. The couple are charmed when the man allows them to think that he's Andrew Lloyd Webber, in town for the opening of a new show.

The new out to be a stickup man who robs the Clarks, taking his wallet and her purse

At least the hotel can provide shelter, they think. But when they admit to no funds and no baggage, the smarmy hotel manager turns vicious and sends them back to the street. He is none other than John Cleese, playing a malignant version of his Basil Fawlty of "Fawlty Towers."

No need to list the remaining disasters that befall the Clarks. In a loose adaptation of Simon's original screenplay (not based on a play), Marc Lawrence has fashioned a variety of mishaps that are sometimes hilarious, sometimes wearying.

Sam Weisman, whose "George of the Jungle" was surprisingly entertaining, directs "The Out-of-Towners" with equal skill, displaying a sure hand for slapstick.

You couldn't find a better pairing for this kind of entertainment than Steve Martin and Goldie Hawn. Their styles blend perfectly, and they manage to convey the human quality amid all the chaos.

The typecasting of Cleese proves a brilliant stroke; he lifts the film to a higher level



Steve Martin and Goldie Hawn in a scene from the Paramount Pictures release, "The Out-of-Towners."

with every scene. The Paramount Pictures release was produced by

Robert Evans, Teri Schwartz, Robert Cort and David Madden. Running time: 90

minutes, which is perfect for this kind of farce. — Associated Press

## 'Mod Squad' star's career goals go all way to White House

Omar Epps is currently starring in "The Mod Squad," but he has his eye on a role that would give him even more exposure.

"Watch, I'm going to be the first black president of the United States," he predicts. "If Reagan can do it, I know I can."

Epps, 25, isn't short on ambition. He has a rap album scheduled for release later this year. He is also directing music videos and writing scripts for TV development.

His 10-year plan is a formidable one. "I'll be a conglomerate. I'll have my multimedia company running. I'll be the new Miramax." So by the time I turn about 45 or 50, I'll run for president," he said.

Given Epps' track record, he has a pretty good shot at accomplishing his goals. A graduate of New York's prestigious High School of Performing Arts, Epps drew early acclaim in "Juice," co-starring Tupac Shakur, followed by "The Program," "Major League II," and "Higher Learning," directed by John Singleton.

He gained more fans with his role in "Scream 2." But Epps hit it big with his role as Linc in the film "The

Mod Squad," a remake of the popular TV series that ran from 1968 to 1973. The film, co-starring Claire Danes and Giovanni Ribisi, remains true to the premise of the original series: three juvenile delinquents given a second chance by working with the police department — but with a '90s spin.

Epps recently completed filming for "Breakfast of Champions," based on the novel by Kurt Vonnegut and starring Bruce Willis and Nick Nolte. He is also among a group of young actors, including co-star Ribisi, featured on the cover of the April issue of Vanity Fair magazine.

1. How is your Linc different from the 1970s version played by Clarence Williams III? Epps: Clarence Williams' Linc was an icon, and you couldn't prepare for that; you're already stepping into a character. So all I could do is open him up, and that's exactly what I wanted him to do, just let him be a bit more colorful, maybe smile a bit more. But there weren't very many opportunities because he's written like he's a certain guy, and I watch the old stuff. I just try and keep the nuances of the character, and

just take the rest from there.

2. What drew you to wanting to do a remake of a TV series?

Epps: It was a great idea, but what got me excited was once Claire and Giovanni were attached. The opportunity to work with them, that's what put it over the top. I respect their work, but it's just an interesting mix. We respected one another's differences, and we see eye to eye, and we just naturally got along, and you don't get that often. When you get that, it's like 90 percent of your work is done by showing up on the set.

3. What sparked your interest in acting?

Epps: It all spawned from writing, because I was a writer since I was 8 — poetry, plays, screenplays, love letters, whatever. Being a writer, acting came from just trying to emote off of the paper, and once I found a stage, that was it.

4. How did you get involved with rap? Epps: I've been doing music for like nine, 10 years. I'm starting an independent label called The Label. The name of my album is "The Birth." My music is me, that's my passion. It's not someone else's words I'm delivering, there's not a director's version that's

not edited, it's me. This is what I come home and do each day.

5. You've been writing scripts — would you like to direct?

Epps: Not for like 10 years. You have to appease everybody. When everything goes right, everyone runs past

you and gives kudos to the crew, the actors. When anything goes wrong, everyone looks at you — "Well, he didn't know how to handle it." It's the most selfless job in the world, and it takes so long... I ain't got that kind of patience.

— Associated Press

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 Angelia Polanco celebrates a birthday today, April 11.  
 Brittany Bridges celebrates a birthday today, April 11.  
 Timothy Ozanich celebrates a birthday today, April 11.  
 Rob Raphael celebrates a birthday today, April 11.  
 Henrietta "Hank" Kramer celebrates a birthday today, April 11.  
 Jackie Schooley celebrates a birthday today, April 11.  
 Oscar and Clara Fish celebrate their wedding anniversary April 11.  
 Peggy Miller celebrates a birthday April 12.  
 Alec Lucas Mano celebrates a birthday April 12.  
 Dawn and Jeff Dowdy celebrate their anniversary April 12.  
 Lonnie Joe Chapman celebrates a birthday April 13.  
 Toni Marie Farrell celebrates a birthday April 13.  
 Cortni Marie DeShon celebrates a birthday April 13.  
 Neal Mize celebrates a birthday April 14.  
 Louie Kamacho celebrates a birthday April 14.  
 Dylon N. Lee celebrates a birthday April 14.  
 Dr. Philip Valicoff celebrates a birthday April 14.  
 George L. McGarrahan celebrates a birthday April 15.  
 Brenda L. Bohan celebrates a birthday April 15.  
 Laurie Cotter celebrates a birthday April 15.  
 Betty and Mike Elchelberger celebrate their anniversary April 15.  
 LeAnn J. Redd celebrates a birthday April 16.  
 Lynette Vandik celebrates a birthday April 16.  
 Kimberly Dawn Flaughner celebrates a birthday April 16.  
 Rev. Claude E. Shelby Sr. celebrates a birthday April 16.

Michael Ozanich celebrates a birthday April 16.  
 Cindy Worthen celebrates a birthday April 16.  
 Richard and Rose Marie Bauer celebrate their anniversary April 16.  
 Dennis Ross celebrates a birthday April 17.  
 Edward Haynes Jr. celebrates a birthday April 17.  
 Stephanie Awalt celebrates a birthday April 17.  
 James Bailey Sr. celebrates a birthday April 17.  
 Gloria Bolin celebrates a birthday April 17.  
 Scott and Tracy Wilson celebrate their anniversary April 17.

To submit an item to Milestones or delete an entry, send a postcard to "Milestones" Granite City Journal, 1815 Delmar Ave., Granite City, IL 62040.  
 Please notify the paper if a person listed in Milestones has passed away or no longer wishes to be listed.

## St. Elizabeth Ladies Sodality holds meeting

The regular monthly meeting of St. Elizabeth's Ladies Sodality was held in the school cafeteria March 29, with president Aggie Grobowski presiding. A total of 51 members attended, with two guests, Susan Ratkiewicz and Jennifer Whitt. Prior to the business session, Father Tom delivered a prayer service. Minutes of the previous meeting were read by the secretary, Mary Evelynne Yencho, and approved, following minor corrections. Treasurer Marilyn Hahn gave the financial report for February. Reports were given by the

following chairs:

- Church Women United — Dolores Moseley stated the program, "Music, Music" will be held April 18, at Niedringhaus United Methodist Church. Tickets were distributed for members at that time.
- Nursing Home Angels — Ida Gragg (Colonial Care) and Jan Polach (Colonades) encouraged members to keep up the good work.
- Scholarship — Joyce Alexander stated the deadline for submission of applications is April 1.

- Ladies Commission Breakfast — Ann Czernog reported that plans are under way for this event, which will be held May 2.

Confirmation, April 26 — Annese Gyarant stated the Quilters would take care of refreshments as they have in the past.

- Christmas In April Project — Tammi Mooshegian reported that arrangements are being made for St. Elizabeth's Day April 24.

## School Menus

Week of April 12-16

Schools

### Granite City Public Schools

**MONDAY, April 12 —**  
 Breakfast: Pop Tarts, orange juice, milk; Lunch: Pizza, tossed salad, light dressing, sliced peaches, milk.  
**TUESDAY, April 13 —**  
 Breakfast: Sausage patty, biscuit and jelly, cinnamon apple slices, milk; Lunch: Barbecue rib on deli bun, corn on the cob, mixed fruit, milk.  
**WEDNESDAY, April 14 —**  
 Breakfast: Cereal, toast and jelly, raisins, milk; Lunch: Grilled chicken patty on whole wheat bun with lettuce and tomato, green beans, orange Jell-o with diced pears, milk.  
**THURSDAY, April 15 —**  
 Breakfast: Waffles with syrup, blueberries, milk; Lunch: Beef and bean taco with lettuce and cheese, Spanish rice, mixed vegetables, slice of bread, apple wedges, milk.  
**FRIDAY, April 16 —**  
 Breakfast: Cinnamon Toasties, pear halves, milk; Lunch: Fish nuggets, macaroni and cheese, peas, slice of bread, cherries, milk.

**St. Elizabeth School**  
**MONDAY, April 12 —**  
 Lunch: Burrito, nacho chips, mixed vegetables, pears, milk.  
**TUESDAY, April 13 —**  
 Lunch: Pork cutlet, mashed potatoes, carrots, bread slice, peaches, milk.  
**WEDNESDAY, April 14 —**  
 Lunch: Chili with crackers, peanut butter sandwich, celery sticks, mixed fruit, milk.  
**THURSDAY, April 15 —**  
 Lunch: Pizza pockets, green beans, orange slices, milk.  
**FRIDAY, April 16 —**  
 Lunch: Fish on bun, Tater Tots, slaw, applesauce, milk.

### Holy Family School

**MONDAY, April 12 —**  
 Lunch: Hamburger on bun, oven potatoes, sliced cheese, pickles, corn, mixed fruit, milk.  
**TUESDAY, April 13 —**  
 Lunch: Meat and gravy over rice and potatoes, peas, bread, pudding, milk.  
**WEDNESDAY, April 14 —**  
 Lunch: Ravioli, salad, cheese chunks, bread, applesauce, milk.  
**THURSDAY, April 15 —**  
 Lunch: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn bread, apple cobbler, milk.  
**FRIDAY, April 16 —**  
 Lunch: Grilled cheese sandwich, carrot and celery sticks, pickles, Jell-o with fruit, milk.

Madison Public

## Salon 53 holds March meeting in Alhambra

Madison County Salon 53, Eight and Perry, met March 16 at the American Legion Hall in Alhambra. Fifteen members were present. Hostesses were Edith Buchrup, Shirley Landolt and Lucille Korsmeyer. The meeting was conducted by Chapeau Zella Emde of Bethalto. Under the Children and

Youth Program, donations of \$650 were made to Camp Superkids, a summer camp for asthmatic children ages 8-12. Evrene Schmeckel, nurses scholarship chairwoman, collected \$8 for the fund. Attendance prize was won by Zerna Harmon of Sorrento. Irish songs were led by Marjorie Rosenthal, music chairman. Collections were made for campership, \$7.67, and Pouvour

Fund, \$7. Reservations were taken for the Spring Pouvour Dinner, which will be in April at the Ramada Inn in Fairview Heights. Subscriptions were renewed for the Ranger Irish Magazine and Big Backyard Magazine. They will be sent to the National Jewish Center for the children's waiting room. The next meeting will be a "paper bag auction" in Bethalto. Those attending from this area were Norma Hillmer and Dorothy Hinson.

### Birth forms available at office

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## Marriage Licenses

The following marriage licenses were issued through the office of Mark Von Nida, Madison County Clerk:

Arthur Atkins and Linda Williams, both of Edwardsville.

James Biggs of Carlyle and Lisa Wilson of Collinsville.

Pascal Bission and Marcella Skaggs, both of Lebanon.

Gavin Blair of Edwardsville and Mary-Ann Lowry of Bethalto.

Harlan Bone and Donna Warren, both of Granite City.

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Douglas Dennison of Edwardsville and Dawn Eardley of Alhambra.

Sammy George and Cheryl Hall, both of Pontoon Beach.

Michael Green and Soonhee Song of Granite City.

William Harris of Pierron and Kathy Evans of St. Jacob.

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Paul Havlen and Pamela

Thoman, both of Collinsville.

Stacy Hickam and Melinda Jennings, both of Glen Carbon.

Tecumsha Holmes of Madison and Kathleen Wright of Alton.

Keith Hustedde of Troy and Melissa Johnson of Granite City.

George May and Linda Chandler, both of Granite City.

Michael McCrex of Troy and Michelle Ward of Collinsville.

Gerald Miller and Tammy Jones, both of Collinsville.

James Miller and Nancy Koke, both of Collinsville.

Michael Penning of Moro and Amanda Cermak of Bethalto.

Kenneth Pratt of Granite City and Carol Pratt of Wood River.

Michael Rebstock Sr. and Gretta Hudson, both of Mitchell.

Philip Stucker and Cynthia Aubschön, both of Granite City.

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Timothy Black and Julie Easley, both of Granite City.

James Butts and Christi Johnson, both of Madison.

Gerald Clark and Diane Timmons, both of Edwardsville.

Larry Clark Jr. and Tanya

Mosier, both of Collinsville.

George Cochran and Betty Supp, both of Granite City.

Leon Garner III of Florissant, Mo., and Gloria Miller of Madison.

Leo Gomez III and Dana Hindman, both of Granite City.

Gerardo Gonzalez and Cynthia Enyart, both of Granite City.

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Scott Jenkins and Judith Clark, both of Granite City.

William Krieger of Edwardsville and Patricia Ford of Alton.

James Lamb Jr. and Sherry Ralston, both of Granite City.

Russell Manion and Kathleen Radford, both of Collinsville.

Tom May of Glen Carbon and Mary Chapman of Bunker Hill.

Michael Merrell and Angela Anderson, both of Granite City.

Shawn Parker and Sonnet Weeks, both of Granite City.

Thomas Peyla and Kathy Keel, both of Collinsville.

Mark Pilkerton of Granite City and Janice Pruitt of Greenville.

Joel Pirtle and Lisa Lewis, both of Granite City.

Garry Riddle and Christina

Dossett, both of Collinsville.

Claude Robertson III and Deborah Silvey, both of Pontoon Beach.

Joseph Simpson Jr. and Cori Moore, both of Troy.

Christopher Stone and Peggy Busby, both of Mitchell.

John Steidl and Edna Coin, both of Granite City.

Brian Suhr and Andrea Johnston, both of Glen Carbon.

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Kris Williams and Margaret Elmore, both of Edwardsville.

Paul Voder of Maryville and Michele Valda of Florissant.

David Acup and Ronda Gessley, both of Granite City.

Charles Adams and Nancy Finck, both of Granite City.

Michael Allen of Wood River and Amy Duffield of Granite City.

Richard Andrews and Maria Davis, both of Caseyville.

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## Annual St. Louis Easter Seals campaign aids handicapped children

By Mary J. Schirmer  
Staff writer

A sure sign of spring is Easter Seals arriving in the mail. This year's crop is graceful lilies on a white background.

The tradition of Easter Seals began when the Society for Crippled Children, founded in

1919, used the stickers as a fund-raising tool, said Maureen Cunningham, director of development and marketing for the St. Louis Affiliate. The St. Louis program began in 1927.

The national organization took on the name of Easter Seal Society because of the popularity of the colorful

stickers and because that's how the public related to them, Cunningham said.

Each year in St. Louis, about 3,000 children and their caretakers receive help from the Easter Seal Society, she said.

"We take a family approach so, in addition to helping the child directly, we also teach

the parents how to be an advocate for their children and what their child's going to need for their special needs," Cunningham said.

Referrals come from hospitals, physicians, Head Start, First Step and the United Way, she said. Word spreads from parent to parent, too.

The Easter Seal Society helps children from newborn to 3 who need physical therapy, occupational therapy and developmental assistance. They also offer speech therapy for children from 9 months to 12. Some programs are offered in group settings, some in the children's homes.

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